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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete paragraph [0024] and replace it with following revised paragraph:

[0024] The picture frame assembly 10 of the present invention is provided in several embodiments. In the embodiment illustrated in FIGS. 1-3, the picture frame 10 is rectangular and includes a frame member 20 adapted to receive and retain a transparent member, such as by frictional fit, slots, grooves, or other framing means and methods known in the art. In the embodiment of FIGS. 1-3, the frame member 20 has a rear surface 24 with protruding edges 52 provided as attachment means 50 on at least two adjacent sides of the frame member 20. Preferably, the protruding edges 52 are included on the top side of the frame member and on one adjacent side. In this embodiment, the corresponding backing member 30 includes means for spacing the rear surface 36 from the wall or other desired mounting surface. In the embodiment of FIGS. 1-3, the means for spacing is shown as a planar mounting block 60 that also contains the mounting means 38. However, any spacing means can be used in combination with any mounting means 38 known in the art, so long as the side edges 34 of the back member 30 remain sufficiently spaced away from the mounting surface and unobstructed upon mounting of the back member 30 to the wall or other mounting surface. This arrangement allows the frame member 20 to be mounted onto the back member 30 by sliding the protruding edges ~~50~~ 52 of the frame member 20 over the side edges 34 of the backing member. This is preferably accomplished by first sliding the protruding edge 52 at the top of the frame member 20 over the top side edge 34 of the backing member 30, then sliding the frame member along the backing member 30 horizontally (i.e. in a direction parallel with the top side edge 34) until the adjacent protruding edge 52 engages the side edge 34 of the backing member 30.